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SUBJECT: National Fire Protection Association Annual Meeting

DATE: May 22-24, 1995

PLACE: Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado

COMMISSION ATTENDEE: James F. Hoebel, Engineering Sciences

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Several thousand attendees representing fire services, fire research, testing labs, universities, manufacturers, Federal and State officials, consultants, code officials, insurance, trade associations, NFPA staff, etc. Among others, discussions were held with the following individuals: James McMullen, Sharon Gamache, Richard Kuchnicki, Steve Austin, Paul Fitzgerald, David Harris, Jan Gratton, Jack Wells, Frank McGarry, Tom Brace, Jack Snell, Steve Spivak, Jasper Hawkins, Art Cote, Tony O'Neil, Ken Bachman, Rick Mulhaupt, Carter Keithley, Tom Castino, Rex Wilson, Ed McCormick, Ben Roy, Al Hogan, Don Belles, John Hall, Jack Watts, Pam Powell, Mary Nachbar, Dick Bukowski, Judy Comoletti, Jan Straski, Dougal Drysdale, Jim Dalton, Meri-K Appy, Dave Hilton, Carol Gross, Charlie Forsberg, Hank Mader, Pat Horton, Jonas Morehart, Dan Kent, Jim Beyreis, Jesse Beitel, Jim Dowling, Peter Sparber, Karen Sur, Wayne Powell, John Ottoson, Paul Schwartzmann, Hank Roux, and Bob Strength.

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SUMMARY: The Opening Session of the meeting included reports from the NFPA Board Chairman, President, and Treasurer. NFPA financial situation was reported to be very strong. Special awards were presented. Special presentations were made on the Kobe earthquake and the Oklahoma City bombing. The President announced an association with Lowes Home Safety Council to develop an injury prevention curriculum for children up to age 14. The Board Chairman emphasized international activities in safety information and standards development.

Several technical sessions were attended on the following subjects: Safer smoke detectors, changes to UL's standard on CO detectors, coalition building, self-testing smoke detectors, residential sprinkler requirements, upholstered furniture fire testing, developing small- and full-scale fire tests, and fire tests for risk assessments.

The fire safety exhibits were toured. Many companies promoted advanced smoke, CO, and gas detection equipment. A few brochures were collected. The U.S. Fire Administration, NIST, UL, and others also had booths.

The Learn Not To Burn Foundation of NFPA expressed interest in one design of child restraint window bars of interest to CPSC.

They would be willing to evaluate this product. The Foundation is also becoming very concerned over the Commission's direction in children's sleepwear.

The President of the Council of American Building Officials expressed interested in visiting the CPSC Chairman to discuss items of mutual interest.

The National Association of State Fire Marshals is very interested in visiting the CPSC lab to view some upholstered furniture tests. They will contact us a about two weeks to set up a visit.

The CPSC representative responded to a floor question after the upholstered furniture presentation concerning toxicity tests of furniture.

The Fire Administration contact is discussing possible agenda items with their Administrator for the upcoming June 21 visit to CPSC.